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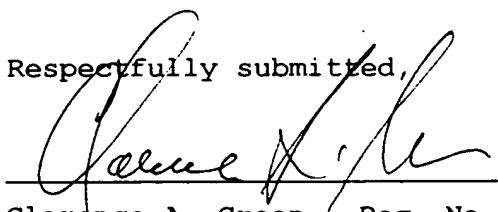
The above-identified patent application claims priority to Finnish Patent Application No. FI 20002244 filed on October 11, 2000. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a Finnish Office Action (and English translation thereof) issued on the priority Finnish Patent Application No. FI 20002244. The Finnish Office Action

cited United States Patent No. US 3,838,229, German Patent Application Nos. DE 29922457 U1, DE 3049032 A1, and French Patent Application No. FR 2677143.

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